

## Keeping Fairfax County Safe!

### PHOTO RED LIGHT Monitoring System

“In our region, it appears we have an epidemic of red light running, and it is incumbent on all of us to do all we can to stop it. A camera program like that implemented by Fairfax County—focused on safety—can be an effective tool in curtailing violations, and thus preventing crashes and the resulting injuries and fatalities.”

—AAA Mid-Atlantic

*A recent Nielson poll done for Fairfax County showed 81% of Fairfax citizens supported a photo red light monitoring system with 76.5% supporting the cameras in their community.*

## Questions/Answers . . .

### ■ What is Photo Red Light Monitoring?

Fairfax County is implementing a traffic safety enforcement program for signalized intersections. It is designed to reduce the number of drivers who violate traffic regulations by running red lights. Cameras installed at high incident intersections will help enforce traffic laws by monitoring the intersection and automatically photographing the license plates of vehicles whose drivers violate the regulations. The goal is to reduce the number of violations and enhance safety; thus reducing accidents, injuries, and deaths.

### ■ How does the program work?

Cameras capture violations on film and record all of the relevant data for the violation. For example, when a red light violation occurs, the camera records the date, time, speed of the vehicle, and the time elapsed since the beginning of the red signal. Following a review and validation process, a citation showing photos of the violation is then sent to the registered owner.

### ■ Where will the cameras be located?

The County's cameras will be placed at locations where chronic red light violations create safety concerns.

### ■ What happens if I am in the middle of the intersection when the signal turns red?

The red light camera system will not take a picture and a violation will not be issued. If, however, you enter the intersection after the light turns red, your vehicle will be photographed and you will receive a citation.

### ■ What is the penalty for this violation?

The penalty for this red light violation is \$50. No points are assessed against the operating record as a result of this violation.

### ■ Where can I get more information on this program?

General information about the Photo Red Light Monitoring Program is available:

- On our web site at [www.co.fairfax.va.us](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us)
- By calling the Fairfax County Police Department at 703-280-0715
- By calling the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, 703-324-1100



## Safety Tips

- Children age 12 and under should sit in the rear seats. Secure young children in approved safety seats.
- Always wear a seat belt, even in the rear seats.
- Keep a safe distance away from the vehicle in front of you.
- Turn lights on if your windshield wipers are on.
- Don't drink and drive!
- Allow ample time to reach your destination safely. Don't speed to compensate for lost time.
- Adjust your maximum speed for prevailing weather and traffic conditions.
- Motorists need to be extra cautious during twilight hours.
- Never drive when you are sleepy or fatigued.
- Speed kills!



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